ODD CHARACTERS TO MEMPHIS LIFE

The Baconian Enthusiast, the Man Who Talks to Trees, the Worshiper of Ancient Gods and Many Others.

BY J. G. G. There are many citizens in Mem-phis who merit the judgment passed upon Touchstone, "He is undoubted. ly cracked, but the cracks serve to let the light in." They will not open the secret chambers of the mind to the secret chambers of the mind to every one; their idols are not to be trees speak the same language but it varies greatly with them just as the Latin of German or Slav varies from the Latin of the Spaniard or slight appreciation of their point of view and they are burning with the fire of a zealot to make a convert and the arguments they adduce are often bewildering bleare and fan-while that of the willow is weak and often bewildering, bizarre and fan-tastic to the highest degree.

There is a prominent business man,

for instance, whose name is a synonym for sagacity; whose judgments on matters of finance are sought by business men older than he; whose intuitive grasp on monetary affairs is almost uncanny. He is a pronounced Baconophile and his knowledge of the able and unscrupulous Baron Verulam, down to the least Baron Verulam, down to the least minutia of his life, is amazing. He is a firm believer in the cypher theory and is radical in his asser-tions that Bacon is the author of the masterpieces credited to "that ignorant, wife-beating poacher was did not know enough to spell his own name." His favorite phrase for the hard of Avon. own name." His f

the bard of Avon.

His library contains every book, pamphlet or monograph written on the cypher theory of Baconian controversy, and that he had read them repeatedly his conversation shows. He is, perhaps, the only man that is consistent in his theory. He has had Shakespeare's works rebound—and the binding would have caused Messer Elzevir's or Caxton's eyes to sparkle with envy—and the credit of their authorship is given to Bacon on the binding and title page. Cyphers Reveal Details.

"Shakespeare was a means to an and," he declared, "an ignorant counend," he declared, "an ignorant country boor who could hardly write his own name and never spelled it two ways alike. He was the despicable member of a despised band of rascally players whose vile theater—that pandered to the lowest elements of London—was located in the purlicus of the town.

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"The cultured, philosophical Bacon wrote these plays and many of the plays and possible to Massinger. Sir Philip Sydney and even Edmund Spencer, but so strong was the prejudice against the drama in those days that it was as much as his reputation and his position as lord chancellor was worth to be known as their author, therefore he had the plays performed through the putative, authorship of William Shakaspeare, a man whose life and attainments made such a claim the heighth of absurdity. With his marvelous prescience Bacon knew that the velous prescience Bacon knew that the day would come when the drama would rise from its low estate and take its rightful place among the muses. Therefore he placed the cyphers among his masterpieces that in the future fame would tear the crown from the court fool and place it on the noble brow it is so fitted to

the noble brow it is adorn.

"Not only that, the wonderful cyphers of that marvelous superman reveal other and more intimate details of his life. For one thing he was the son of Queen Elizabeth. It is of record that the noted jurist, Sir William Pudevant illegitimate son of the vile ale-swilling, tavern carouser Shakespeare, once admitted Bacon could have had English throne which he was rightly-entitled to, had he so desired. "Perhaps it would have been bet-

ter for England had he possessed more ambition and been willing to stride to a bloodstained throne over a pathway of grinning skulls and mounds of feculent flesh. Yet they claim he was avaricious and re-joiced in a trumped up charge against him. His life was a burst of intellectual splendor; his death a martyrdom to science and yet the England he leved and glorified re-Gods Not Dead.

Then there is the Greek proprietor of a large soda fountain and confec-tionary store. He looks the type of sturdy business man devoted to his affairs. He will discuss in a conseraffairs. He will discuss in a conservative way the crisis in Greece—he is a great admirer of Venizelos—the future policy of King Alexander; the possibility of a Greek republic and the place of Greece among nations. These and other matters he will talk over with old world courtesy while he keeps an eye on his busy clerks. But if he knows you well, sooner or later you will see the crack.

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"The gods are not dead," he de-clared sharply, in reply to an anim-adversion. "The gods can not die! Jove, Aphrodite, Hera, Pallas, Cronos and all the rest of the heautiful ones are as much alive and as vital a force as in the days of Pericles. Phidias and the golden age. Why, they are even worshipped here! You can not pick up a paper that does

can not pick up a paper that does not contain some reference to the Shining Ones of Olympus."
"But that is merely a figure of speech," was the objection. "No one really believes in them as in the days of Julian the Appetite workinging.

of Julian the Apostate, worshipping them with sacrifices of food or libations of wine."
I do," was the calm reply. Every day. That is why my business is such a success. Wars will rage and sickness and sorrow and crime stall rampant and the whole earth will be in travail until the people return the worship of the ancient gods, then the golden age will reign once more as Cronos promised and death and pain and sorrow will be banished for-

Talks to Trees.

He was old with scanty red hair, faded blue eyes and a general air of shabby centility. He sat on a bench in Overton park not far from the Brooks art gallery and puffed meditatively of an odorous pipe. He He was old with scanty red bair.

Breoks art gallery and puffed meditatively of an odorous pipe. He moved recties sly from time to time as though ill at ease. Finally pointing to a beautiful oak a short distance away he burst out:

"It is too bad, really too bad. It is positively a shame that that lovely tree must die."

"Why?" he was asked, "It seems perfectly healthy. Has the park board decided to cut it down?"

"Not yet; but a course, they will have to do so after its death. The poor thing is starving: it told me all about it. I've been talking to it all morning."

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"Yes, talking to it. I can talk to trees and shrubs and plants just as I talk to you, and they understand me a great deal better because they haven't choked up their senses with tobacco, alcohol or opium. Oh, I know I smoke, but it is a bad habit just the same I understand trees thoroughly. Hiawatha Siegfried and Bharata could understand the language of birds and animals, but I can talk to oaks, elms and maples. No one before me could do that.

However, I am not at all proud and, cupy and ruled the greater part of Claxton Directs as you see I talk as freely to you as the globe. What do you think of as you see I talk as freely to you as though you were my equal. I intend o teach the language to others as soon as the national federal univer-sity is started. I shall be hailed as one of the benefactors of the race. Walt Whitman, the good, gray poet,

Why are there trees I never walk under, but large melodious thoughts descend upon me?"

upon me?"
"I could have told him. It was because he was sensitive and the trees
were trying to communicate their
own beautiful thoughts to him."
"Why did you say that tree was
starving?"
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"It told me so. The other and "It told me so. The other and older trees are encroaching on its territory. They are sending their roots all around it so that it can get no sustenance from the soil. Do you see those few bare branches on the top? That is the beginning of the end."

"Is the language hard to learn?" Very. I am the only one that has ever succeeded in mastering it. All trees speak the same language but is softer and more refined; the pine's voice has a sobbing, tearful cadence, while that of the willow is weak and effeminate. The plants have not developed their language fully, that makes it hard to understand. It is about on the level of the speech of the Hottentots of Africa or the bushmen of Australia. Hark! There is that arbor vitae calling me. Excuse me while I go and see what it wants." me while I go and see what it wants.

Hears Voices.

She was a motherly old lady whose sympathetic face caused you to in-voluntarily feel that you had found a friend. She was crossing the Harahan bridge on foot and her eyes

Harahan bridge on foot and her eyes were read from weeping.

"No." she replied, in answer to a question, "I am not in trouble and you can do nothing for me. I am clairaudient. I can hear voices that the world is deaf to. You know a great many suicides have taken place from bridges, and I never cross but what I hear voices telling me the tragedy of their lives. I am sympathetic and it affects me strongly "Just now a dear, sweet girl was telling me the cause of her unhappiness. She thought her lover was untrue to her and, in a fit of desperation, flung herself from this bridge. From the other side of the veil she learned that these reports were spread by a jealous rival. Now she can not know happiness until he too, passes beyond. Oh. It was all so unnecessary! So heartbreaking!"

Royalty in Memphis.

He sat in Court square watching the friendly pigeons and the impu-dent squirrels. He was a little man in shabby attire, with weak blue eyes,

in shabby attire, with weak blue eyes, wabbly chil and good-natured, well-meaning face, half concealed by irongray whiskers.

"You would not think to look at me," he quavered, "that I am the rightful king of England?"

It was true. He was not exactly one's conception of a king.

"I am," he insisted, though no one had ventured to contradict him. "My wet nurse substituted her own child and kept me when we were so small that no one could tell us apart. We

that no one could tell us apart. We were very much alike even then. She came to this country and lived in Memphis until the day of her death. She drank to excess and when in her cups would taunt me with the fact that she had cheated me out of my birthright and that her son her own son, ast on the throne I ought to oc-

Breaks World's Chains.

On a certain street in Memphis where the more prosperous sons of sunny Italy foregather, there is a well-fed, prosperous padrone. From his appearance and surroundings he is the last one you would think capable of an altruistic thought. Yet this man spends much of his money and hearly all of his available time in trying to perfect a universal lan

Speak to him of the fallure o Volapuk, Vopicka, Esperanto, Ido and volapuk, vopicka, isperanto, ido and a host of others that have arisen from time to time and then were forgotten. He merely shakes his head.

"Eet iss nossinga." he asserts, "zey

were birds wizzout wings, butta, my language, ze beautiful Flovenjel, ah, eet ees body an' soul, feathers an' wings. Wen I feex him some more he ees fineesh an' then I will be reech an' my name all de same as Rienzi or Garibaldi or Georga Rienzi or Garibaldi or Georga Wash'ton. Rienzi save Rome, Gari-baldi save Italy, an Wash'ton he save deesa countra, but I, I breaka de

State Law Has A Heart For Fellow Who Brews A Little

The lenient clause in the state law prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors is getting a num ber of defendants by. The state law says that a man must not manu-facture intoxicating liquors for sale, but does not state that he can not make the beverage for his own use The federal law, however, does not make it so easy on the small still man, who brews "just a little" for home use.

Due to the defects of the state law. Robert Nelson, charged with manu-facturing intoxicating liquor, got off in Second criminal court Friday with nolle prosse, paying the costs of

The court remarked that all such cases going to the higher courf were reversed unless an actual sale was

REGISTRATION LAW IS DECLARED VOID

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 9.— Chancellor J. W. Ross, sitting at Lexington, has held chapter 147, acts of 1901 unconstitutional. The body of the act contains matter, he holds, not mentioned in the caption. The act applies the registration law and Dortch law to wards and districts in counties of 15,000 or more popula-tion, and towns of 750 or more popu-

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Conference On Education Here

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Oct. 9 .- Republican speaking dates for the com-ing week, announced Friday, show the campaign centered in West Tennes-Approximately 200 educators and atrons of education from Memphis see, with speakings booked for four representatives of the G. O. P. in the leading towns of that section of and West Tennessee met at the Chamber of Commerce Friday to dis-cuss the problems of the public schools and formulate plans for im-proving the educational system of Tennessee. Sessions were held at

Tennessee. Sessions were held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, spoke on educational conditions and advanced methods of perfecting the system. The discussions were informal and participated in by Albert Williams, state superintendent of education; J. W. Brister, of Nashville, former president of the West Tennessee Normal Perryville., October 13, 7:30 p.m.;
Scott's Hill. October 14, 7:30 p.m.;
Saltillo, October 15, 1 p.m.; Sardis, October 16, 1 p.m.

C. D. Johns—Humboldt, October 11, 1 p.m.; Brownsville, October 11, 1 p.m.; Brownsville, October 11, 1 p.m.; Covington, October 12, 1 p.m.; Halls, October 12, 8 p.m.;
Friendship, October 13, 1 p.m.; Dy
Ravenue W. M. Williams ruled.

W. Brister, of Nashville, former president of the West Tennessee Normal school, and a number of educators from Memphis and Shelby county. Better salaries for teachers, especially in the rural schools, advanced standards for teachers, longer school terms and larger local and state appropriations for the support of the schools were advocated, with plans outlined for making these goals popular with the public.

This was the first of six regional conferences to be held in various parts of the state under the auspices of the committee of 100 from the Tennessee citizens conference on ed-

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,075 LIQUOR CASES BEFORE CHICAGO COURT

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—Collector Harry W. Mager of the internal revenue lepartment announced Friday that the cases of 75 Chicago breweries and 1,000 saloons whose owners are al-eged to have manufactured and sold beer with 31 per cent or more al-coholic content, would be presented to Federal Judge Landis w opens court next Wednesday.

TAYLOR WILL INVADE WEST TENNESSEE AREA

the state:

The following is the schedule:

Hon. Alf A. Taylor—Dyersburg,
October 12: Trenton, October 13:
Jackson, October 14: Paris, October
15. all at 1 p.m.
Edward J. Green—McKenzle, Octo-

Edward J. Green—McKenzle, October 11; Henderson, October 12; Alamo, October 13; all at 1 p.m.

W. L. Deimer—Waverly, October 13, 1 p.m.; Lexington, October 12, 1 p.m.; Decaturville, October 13, 1 p.m.; Perryville, October 18, 7:30 p.m.; Scott's Hill, October 14, 7:30 p.m.; Saitillo, October 15, 1 p.m.; Sardis, October 16, 1 p.m.

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eraburg. October 13, 7:30 p.m.; Ridge-ly. October 14, 1 p.m.; Tiptonville, October 14, 7:50 p.m.; Union City, October 15, 1 p.m.; Martin, October 15. 7:30 p.m.; Dresden, October 16,

Fire Prevention CIVILIANS HURL BOMBS AT SOLDIERS IN CORK CORK, Oct. 3.—Civilians bombed a military lorry which was passing through Barrack street. One soldier was killed and three dangerously wounded. The soldiers on the lorry who escaped injury opened fire on the attackers. The street was filled at the time. Two men and a woman were shot in the legs.

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